

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

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NEXT MEETING will be the ANNUAL MEETING and will be held at the Royal Society Room, Tasmanian Museum, on Thursday, February 18th., 1971 at 7.45 p.m.

FIVE MINUTE TALK: Mrs. E. Thorpe.

MEMBERSHIP: Applications from:

Mr. P.H. Turvey, 113 Marlyn Rd., Cascades.

Mr. A.J. Dartnell, 7 Forbes Ave., West Hobart.

LAST OUTING was the BUS TRIP to Scott's Peak, on Nov. 21st. last year. A full bus-load of Field Nats, and visitors had a most enjoyable day.

NEXT OUTING: Carlton Area. Leader: Mr. A. Hewer.
Meet: Prince Theatre, Sat. Feb. 20th. 9.30 a.m.
Object: To look for caterpillar or pupae of the Hair Streak Butterfly, also frogs, lizards etc.

FEBRUARY 15th. Public lecture by Thistle Harris on "Alpines of Australia" 8 p.m. C.W.A. Restroom Criterion St. Hobart.

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DELEGATES . . Federation of Field Naturalists of Tasmania

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Mr. D. Milledge

Mr. G. VanMunster

EDITOR OF "The Tasmanian Naturalist" . . . Mr. D. Thomas

February, 1971

Nomination forms must be tabled before the Meeting.

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TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT - 1970

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Tasmanian Field Naturalists' Club for the Year 1970.

Once again the year's activities have been most enjoyable and educational.

We thank the following guest speakers, for giving us the benefit of their knowledge and showing some remarkable colour slides:-

Mr. Martyn - Aphids

Easter Camp Review - Messrs. L. Wall, D. Thomas, and Dr. Ziegeler, Miss. M. Westbrook, and Mrs. Stephens.

Mr. D. Thomas; Mr. L. Wall - "Birds of Lake Peddar".

Mr. D. Lynch - Pollution.

Dr. G.C. Bratt - Lichens.

Dr. P.A. Tyler - Life in Lakes.

Mr. J.B. Thwaites - Across Central Australia, in Search of Aboriginal Rock carvings.

Dr. J.L. Madden - Some Aspects of the Ecology of the Sirex Wasp.

The Short Talk Series given by members continues to be popular, and has given us an added interest at meetings. Many thanks to those who have participated.

The Easter Camp was held at "Kelvedon" the property of Mr. D. Cotton on the East Coast. Our main object was to collect fresh water plants and pond life but we had so much rain that the dams and creeks were in flood making collecting impossible. However, it was a happy camp and other specimens were found - of shells, plants and lichens. Birdwatching and walks round the shore, examining the sites of middens also were enjoyed. Evenings were spent trying to identify specimens - and in drying ourselves out! There were 26 members in camp and seven visitors on Easter Sunday.

January Long Weekend (1971) was spent again at National Park, continuing the botanical survey which we began in 1968. A few plants had disappeared. There was noticeable new growth on young *Bauera*s and *Boronia citriadora* - which was absent in the last survey, but overall, there was little change. Next year it is intended to cover a different area.

Field Outings have been well supported, many localities being visited covering a range of interests. The November Outing was a Bus Trip to Scott's Peak Road. The weather was fine and we had a wonderful day. Mr. L. Sutherland, geologist, accompanied us and made the drive even more worthwhile by commenting on and pointing out geological features along the way.

To those people who arranged or led excursions go our thanks and appreciation.

The Club's representatives on the South West Committee and the Flora and Fauna Conservation Committee have kept us up to date on their respective activities.

The Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Field Naturalists' Clubs of Tasmania was held at the Queen Victoria Museum Lecture Theatre in Launceston on Saturday, March 21st., at 2 p.m. (1970) Mr. D.G. Thomas was again elected President and Mrs. M.L. Westbrook Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. L. Brasch, Burnie, and Mr. N. Harvey, Launceston, Vice-Presidents. The Bi-annual meeting was held at Ulverstone on September 19th., hosts being the North West Walking Club who arranged the meeting and invited delegates to a Games Evening, on Saturday night. On May 2nd., an additional Meeting was held in Launceston to prepare the Federation's policy on Wild Life and National Parks, for submission to the Minister for Agriculture. This was followed by another meeting in October to discuss the draft of the proposed Bill, and send comments to the Minister. Credit is due to the Federation for the good work they do. We are fortunate to have a Federation in Tasmania to speak with one voice on matters vital to the whole community.

We thank Dr. Bryden who again judged the entries for the Junior Nature History Prize. He was very pleased with Young's work on the Tasmanian Aborigines. Philip is to be congratulated on winning this award for two successive years.

Two people have, over the last four years, donated the Junior Prize. Last year a donation was sent from Launceston. If any member feels inclined to help with these donations, it would be appreciated.

The exchange of publications with other naturalists clubs and organisations of similar interests continues with, we trust, mutual benefit.

The Club's Library is now accommodated in the Royal Society Room and is available for the use of members. Thanks are due to Mr. L. Wall, who has taken charge of the library for many years.

Credit goes to Mr. Thomas, Editor of "The Tasmanian Naturalist", and his assistant, Mr. L. Wall, for the quarterly production of this very informative publication.

Please keep your Editor well supplied with suitable articles.

During 1970 eight new members were elected to the Field Naturalist Club, including a member in Japan, who has sent us colourful posters, cards and brochures. We welcome them and hope they will enjoy the club's activities.

Your Committee has met five times in 1970 to administer Club affairs.

My very sincere thanks to an enthusiastic committee for all their help.

Thora L. Stephens.

President.

REVENUE ACCOUNT - "TAS. NATURALIST", 1970.

Printing Costs	74.68	Subscriptions	52.80
		Loss (reimbursed from Reserve Fund)	21.88
	<u>74.68</u>		<u>74.68</u>

REVENUE ACCOUNT - T.F.N.C. BULLETIN, 1970

Printing Costs	61.00	Subscriptions	13.00
Postages	11.33	Donations	61.00
Rubber Stamps	4.60	Loss (reimbursed from General Fund)	5.38
Wrappers	2.45		
	<u>79.38</u>		<u>79.38</u>

REVENUE ACCOUNT - RESERVE FUND, 1970

Loss on "Tas. Naturalist"	21.88	Bank Interest	51.72
Excess of Income over Exp.	29.84		
	<u>51.72</u>		<u>51.72</u>

REVENUE ACCOUNT - GENERAL FUND, 1970

G.P.O. Box Rental	9.00	Subscriptions	126.10
Subscription to F.F.N.C.T.	2.50	Profit from Badge Sales	0.50
Royal Society - Rent	45.00	Bus Trip Profit	1.00
Stamp Duty	1.50	Easter Camp	2.00
Prize for Junior' Comp.	5.00	Profit from Sales of "Aust. Plants."	0.70
less donation	<u>5.00</u>		
Loss on Bulletin	5.38	Bank Interest	9.36
Depreciation - Tent	6.80		
- Addressograph	8.50		
Excess of Income over Exp.	60.98		
	<u>139.66</u>		<u>139.66</u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st. DECEMBER, 1970

CLUB FUNDS AND LIABILITIES

CLUB FUNDS

Reserve Fund at 1/1-'70	1280.39		
add Excess of Income over Exp. 1970	29.84	1310.23	
General Fund at 1/1-'70	371.88		
add Excess of Income over Exp. 1970	60.98		
Value of Library books acquired	<u>50.00</u>	<u>482.86</u>	1793.09

OUTSIDE LIABILITIES

Subscriptions paid in advance			
General Fund	9.30		
T.F.N.C. Bulletin	2.20		
Tas. Naturalist	<u>19.10</u>		<u>30.60</u>
			<u>1823.69</u>

CLUB ASSETS covering Liabilities

Hobart Savings Bank		1644.19
Duplicator		10.00
Addressograph	59.60	
less Depreciation at 10% of cost	<u>8.50</u>	51.10
Tent	61.20	
less Depreciation at 10% of cost	<u>6.80</u>	54.40
Library	10.00	
add acquisitions	<u>50.00</u>	60.00
Badges in Stock		4.00
		<u>1823.69</u>

Audited and found correct

Signed: R.Warren 25/1-'71

Signed: L.E. Wall
Hon. Treasurer,
10/1-'71

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT - 1970

The Statement of Accounts for the year shows a credit balance in the General Revenue Account of \$60, but I must bring to your notice that the costs of producing the Monthly Bulletin were donated. If this had not happened there would have been a small loss on the year's operations.

At its last meeting for the year, your Committee considered the Financial Statement, and bearing in mind the above fact, together with increase during the year in rental of the meeting room and in postages, decided reluctantly that subscriptions for 1971 must be increased by 50 cents.

They will then be:	Family	-	\$4.00
	Single	-	\$3.00
	Junior	-	\$1.50

During the year some new books became available to the Library and the Committee agreed to add the value of the library books as shown in the Balance Sheet.

I.E. Wall.

Hon. Treasurer.

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUBBULLETIN

No. 153.

March 1971

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Notice of Meeting:-

The next meeting of the Club will be held in the
Royal Society's Room, Tasmanian Museum, Hobart,
on Thursday, March 18th., at 7.45 p.m.

Mr. B.C. Mollison will be the speaker, and his
subject "Fish".

NEXT OUTING:- Saturday, 20th. March.

Leader: Dr. P. Tyler who talked to us last August
on life in lakes. Destination unknown.
Meet at Prince of Wales Theatre at 9.30 a.m.

LAST OUTING:-

February 20th., Carlton Area.

Leader - Mr. A. Hewer.

Aims - to find pupae of the Hair-Streak butterfly;
to find frogs, and a toadlet.

The Butterfly pupae were found beneath the bark of a
gum tree where there were a great number of ants.
Nearby were found many wattles - their food.

The frogs found were:- the green bell-frog, Hyla aurea,
the Eastern Burrowing Frog, Limnodynastes dorsalis, and
tiny, baby frogs of Crinia signifera, the Brown Froglet.

It was suggested that we go again - this time to the
other side of the Carlton, to look for the toadlet.

March 1971

BIRD OBSERVERS GROUP:-

Friday 26th. March, 8 p.m., 147 Liverpoolstreet.

OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE YEAR 1971

PRESIDENT - Mr. L.E. Wall

VICE-PRESIDENTS - Mr. M.H. Hurburgh

Mr. M.S.R. Sharland

HON. SECRETARY -- Miss M.L. Westbrook

ASSISTANT SECRETARY - Mr. D.R. Milledge

HON. TREASURER - Mr. I.S. Lea

Committee Members - Miss F.E. Warren, Messrs.

D.G. Thomas, A.M. Hewer, F.D. King, M.H. Bennett,
D. Ziegeler.

Hon. Auditor - Miss R. Warren

EDITOR Tasmanian Naturalist D.G. Thomas

Publicity Officer -- M.H. Hurburgh

Delegates -

Federation of Field Naturalists' Clubs of Tasmania:

M.L. Westbrook, D.G. Thomas.

Tasmanian Flora and Fauna Conservation Committee:

M.H. Hurburgh, D.R. Milledge.

South West Committee:

R. Warren.

LIBRARIAN -- The Committee has appointed D. Ziegeler.

FASTER CAMP -- will be held at Dennes Point, Bruny Island where a cottage which can accommodate up to 20 persons, is available. Tents can be erected in the grounds.

Those who intend to travel by Tasmanian Coach Lines will need to check the timetable as there will be a special Easter Holiday arrangement.

Bring your camp gear - sleeping bag, Li-Lo, Food, utensils etc. Some food can be obtained at nearby shop. Electricity.

Those who intend to join the camp please let us know by the 31st. March to facilitate accommodation plans.

March 1971

BULLETIN DESPATCH

We would appreciate help in wrapping the Bulletin each month, a task usually done one week before the meeting. Volunteers please contact the Secretary.

TASMANIAN NATURALIST

Comments are invited on the new format - size of print, Heading, etc.

RECORD BOOK

Would any member like to take a turn at keeping the Record Book? This contains observations taken at meetings, and a brief report of Outings.

SOUTH WEST COMMITTEE

It was decided to support this committee in its submission for additional areas to be included in the South-West National Park -- these included Precipitous Bluff, New River, off-shore islands, and an area of land near Low Rosky Point.

FLORA AND FAUNA CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The provision of a reserve at Tindalbox has been suggested to the Kingborough Commission. A submission has been made to the Clarence Commission regarding the use of the samphire flats at Lauderdale as a Municipal Tip.

DELEGATES' REPORTS

These will, in future, be summarised in the Bulletin instead of being reported verbally at meetings.

LINE-UP - Did you see Peter Scott looking at the birds at Granton? This was shown on ABC Television on Thursday February 25th. He had just arrived in Hobart on the American Cruise just returning from the Antarctic and another of his ship-mates was the noted Ornithologist Roger Tory Peterson. This cruise appears to be the fore-runner of many similar excursions to the Antarctic, and we hope that on future occasions, we may have more opportunity to meet Naturalists from Overseas, calling at Hobart en route.

March 1971

"THE STUDENT'S FLORA OF TASMANIA" - Curtis:

Those of you who with copies of the above should note the following changes of nomenclature:-

Eucalyptus simmondsii is identical with the mainland E. nitida and therefore takes that name. It is the Eucalypt most commonly seen at Rocky Cape.

Eucalytus linearis becomes E. pulchella (a matter of priority), and Spyridium serpyllaceum is an illegitimate name (according to the International Code), and it is now S. obcordatum.

ADULT EDUCATION BOARD

A class in Zoology begins at the University on March 23rd. and should be of great interest to Field Naturalists.

BOOKS -

A Field Guide to Australian Birds (Non-passerine)
by Peter Slater.
is now available in the shops and can be
thoroughly recommended.

The Club's address is G.P.O. Box 68A Hobart 7001

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUBBULLETIN

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NOTICE OF MEETING:-

The next meeting of the Club will be held in the
Royal Society's Room, Tasmanian Museum, Hobart, on
Thursday, April 15th., at 7.45 p.m.

GUEST OF HONOUR:- Mr. M.S.R. Sharland

Mr. Sharland as "Peregrine", has just completed 50 years
of continuous contributions, first to the

'Illustrated Tasmanian Mail'

and subsequently to

'The Mercury'

This, we believe, is unequalled in Australian records
and we feel it is most fitting that special recognition
be given to this achievement.

Mr. Sharland joined our Club in 1918. After nine years,
he left Tasmania. On returning in 1941, he renewed his
membership. In the post-war years, he became President,
and was largely responsible for the revitalising of
the Club.

He was elected a Life Member in 1952.

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April 1971NEXT CLUB OUTING:-

Date: Saturday, April 17th.

Leader: M.L. Westbrook

Aim: To walk from Fern Tree to Waterworks - General Observation.

Meet: At Franklin Square, to catch the 10 a.m. Fern Tree Bus. Return by Dynnyrne Bus.

LAST OUTING:-

March 20th. Interlakin and Steppes

Dr. P. Tyler was Leader, and his particular purpose was to collect samples of algae from Lakes Crescent and Sorell for subsequent study under microscopes at the University

After lunch at Interlakin, the party drove to lagoon of Islands, near Steppes where Dr. Tyler explained the phenomenon of the floating islands which give the lagoon its name. On the following day, a number of members visited the Botany Department of the University to see at close range the algae samples collected, and our special thanks are due to Dr. Tyler for his assistance.

EASTER CAMP:- Dennes Point

A cottage, right next door to the shop, has been made available to us, and it will provide accommodation for about 20 people. Among the Campers will be Allen Dartnell, marine biologist from the Tasmanian Museum, and we look forward to his able leadership in studying marine life. The cottage has electricity, and there is room in the grounds for tents.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS:-

This is a reminder that subscriptions are now due:-

Ordinary - \$3.00

Family - \$4.00

Junior - \$1.50

If yours is outstanding the Treasurer (Mr. I.S. Lea) will be pleased to hear from you.

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April 1971

BIRD OBSERVERS' ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA:-

The Bird Group, which has been meeting regularly for a number of years, has now become a formal association under the above title.

The President now is Mr. D.G. Thomas and the Hon. Secretary is Mr. L.E. Wall.

It will function much as formerly, but with the addition of outings at two-monthly intervals.

NEW MEMBERS FOR FIELD NATS:-

Nominations have been received from:-

Miss. E.J. Brown, 276 Bathurst St. Hobart

Dr. and Mrs. C.F. Smith, 1 Mansell Court, Sandy Bay.

Miss. A.L. Conkin, 25 Princes St., Sandy Bay.

Mrs. J.M. Brown, 31 Oldham Avenue, New Town.

VOLUNTEERS:-

Following the March Meeting, the following persons have volunteered to help with the Bulletin:-

Miss. B. Greenstreet, Miss. Brown, Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Aves. Simon Marshall has volunteered to take a turn at the Record Book.

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FEDERATION OF FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUBS OF TASMANIA

ANNUAL MEETING

WAS HELD AT LAUNCESTON - 6th. March, 1971

Your delegates were Mr. D.G. Thomas, and Miss. M.L. Westbrook. Eleven delegates, from six clubs, took part in this four-hour meeting. (Welcome cups of tea etc. were provided by the Launceston folk) As offices are held for a maximum of two years, the Tasmanian Field Naturalists' delegates have now handed over to the Launceston Field Naturalists' Club, with Mrs. Cameron as President and Mr. J.N. Gee as Hon. Secretary Treasurer. The Vice-Presidents now are Mr. Thomas and Mr. R.V. Janes (Launceston Walking Club).

Most of the discussions were on matters of Conservation-Forestry Planning, Sand-mining, Fire Hazards to National Parks, Wise use of Sand Dunes, Dying Trees surrounding the North west Acid Plant, Use of bio-degradable detergents in Tasmania, State Planning Authority, H.E.C. activities,

April 1971

Oil pollution, Creation of more National Parks areas, Forest re-generation, and so on.

Our Club asked the Federation to support the South West Committee's recommendation for additions to the South West National Park. A map was discussed, and it was agreed to support them.

There was discussion on a map showing the proposed Reserves at Sisters Beach and Rocky Cape.

One of the values of this federation is that it has members in all parts of the State so we get to hear what is happening in all sorts of odd corners - Walking Club members hike into many areas difficult of access. Field Naturalist Clubs know which areas they would like to have as reserves for flora and fauna, so we can pool all our information, decided on priorities, and speak with a united voice. Many issues become highly political, and gradually the cause of Conservation is pushed ahead. It is hoped that in the coming year, the Federation will be able to make a continued contribution towards the conservation of our natural resources.

BOOKS:-

One of the new 'Periwinkle' books is on Australian National Parks. There are four books - the one we will be particularly interested in is 'The South' which takes in Vic. part of S. Aust. and Tasmania.

It has photographs, maps, descriptions, features of special interest, season to visit, accessibility, lists of animals and birds, accommodation, bibliography.

REMEMBER THE CLUB LIBRARY -

David Ziegeler will be pleased to give out books for loan to members, and will mark them off when they are returned.

Would anyone be interested in a 46 day tour - South Africa, S. America, Easter Is. Animal Kingdom Study Tour \$2,600 ?
If so - see the Secretary, who has details !

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Annual charge, 20 cents.

Notice of Meeting:

The next meeting of the Club will be held in the
Royal Society's Room, Tasmanian Museum, Hobart,
on Thursday, May 20th, at 7.45 p.m.

Dr. J.M. Gilbert will talk on "The Woodchip
Industry".

Next Outing: Saturday, 22nd. May. Leader, L.E. Wall.
To Lake Fenton, National Park, to see the
Deciduous Beech in all its autumn glory.
Meet at Hoyt's Prince Theatre at 9.30 a.m.
Private transport.

Last Outing: Fern Tree - Waterworks, 17th April.
Only a small attendance, partly no doubt because
it was so soon after Easter, but the day was
fine and enjoyed by those attending.
Plants in bud, flower or fruit were recorded,
as were all birds seen. The highlight was a
good view of a pair of Wedge-tailed Eagles
soaring over Chimney Hill - a sight not
often seen so close to the city.

New Members:

Elected at last meeting - Miss E.J. Brown,
Dr. & Mrs. C.F. Smith, Miss A.L. Conkin and
Mrs. J.M. Brown.

Nominated for membership at last meeting -
Mrs. A.Z. Mattay, 14 Gray's Rd., Fern Tree.

Easter Camp Review: As mentioned at the last meeting this annual feature will be held in June, instead of in May which has been the practice for many years. Would those members who took any colour slides at the camp please make them available to the President for use at the Review if desired. Apart from the pictorial review there will be reports from members on the botany, birds, etc.

Bird Observers' Assn. of Tas.

Next meeting will be at the Wireless Institute Room, 147 Liverpool St., Hobart, on Friday, 28th May at 8 p.m. The Speaker will be David Milledge. Visitors from this Club are always welcome at these meetings.

Director of National Parks & Wildlife:

The appointment of Mr. Murrell, at present on the Staff of the N.S.W. N.P. & Wildlife Service, is a welcome sign that this State's new authority is starting to take shape. We look forward to meeting him, and wish him well in his new post. He can be assured that this Club will co-operate whenever possible.

Club Library:

You have already been reminded, if that were necessary, that our library is now housed in the bookshelves behind the official table at our meetings, and that David Ziegeler has accepted the duties of Librarian. We hope that now that it is readily available it will receive good use.

There are three main parts to it: (1) stocks of our Club's publications, which date back to its first year of existence (1904), (2) a large selection of magazines or journals published over the years by other Field Naturalists' Clubs throughout Australia, and (3) a number of books on various natural history subjects. In future Bulletins we shall list some of these so that you will have ready reference to what is available.

Natureama:

This is a showing of colour slides of natural history subjects which has been prepared by the Launceston Field Naturalists' Club with the co-operation of other Clubs throughout the State. The screening will be accompanied by a recorded

commentary, which should make it of wide appeal - to non-members as well as to members.

The Lower Town Hall has been chosen as the venue, and the dates for its showing are Friday, 4th June and Saturday, 5th June.

Admission charges will be 50 cents for Adults and 25 cents for Children.

Similar shows have been staged for the past two years but these have not been brought to Hobart before.

However, their successes in Launceston and at N.W.

Coast towns have encouraged the promoters to include Hobart in their itinerary this year, and I'm sure that good attendances here will ensure that we will be included in subsequent years.

Would you, please, make this as widely known as possible to ensure its success.

A quotable Quote from our old friend, Walt Disney -

"Nature knows neither good nor bad animals;
the preservation of all species is equally
important."

From Humour Variety (England) -

"With cans and bottles and general upheaval
The picnicker remains the forest's prime evil."

(This is barely in the Humorous category - Ed.)

Committee activities -

- (1) Consideration is being given to a revision of the Club Rules. If any members have any suggestions for improvements please pass them on to any Committee member.
- (2) This year is being observed as Conservation Year in the Girl Guides Movement. Already we have gained three members from leaders, and our Club will surely benefit as a result.
- (3) The printer of "Tas. Naturalist" has been instrumental in gaining for us an exemption from payment of Sales Tax on our journal. We are very grateful to him for this help.

Conservation:

Last year the Commonwealth Parliament set up a Select Committee to investigate Wildlife Conservation needs on a national basis. At present the States have sole control. Our Club made a written submission to the Select Committee, but nothing more was heard of it for many months. This Committee will be sitting in Hobart during the next week and our Club President will be present to support the written submission and to answer questions. We'll give a further report in next Bulletin.
